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SETTING UP OF UNIVERSITIES BY PRIVATE AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to allow private Agencies to set up Universities;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions for the same; and

(c) the number of such universities established during the last two financial years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b): The University Grants Commission Act of 1956 allows privatesector participation in higher education through the deemed university route. The terms and conditions of such participation are specified in the guidelines of UGC on the subject.

(c): During 1999-2000 and 2000-01, nine such institutions were conferred the status of `Deemed to be University`.